

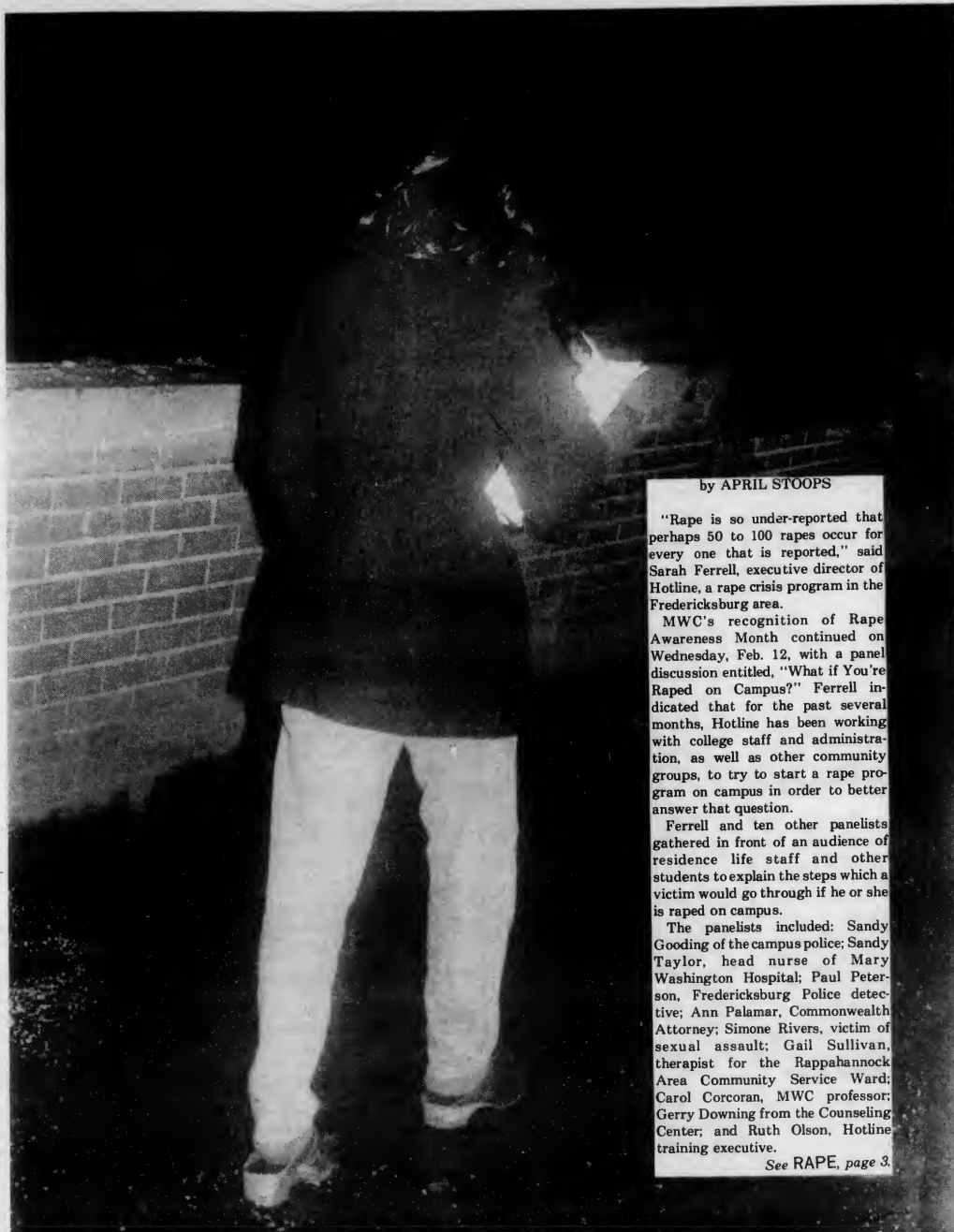
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An Ounce of Prevention...



Despite reported attacks, students continue to walk alone.

by APRIL STOOPS

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Ruth Olson, executive trainer and manager of all support groups for Hotline, concluded the panel by giving advice to friends of a victim. "Sometimes friends get overprotective of a victim," she said. "Don't do that. Be there, be supportive, and most of all, let them know you will be there for them."

Fauntroy Warns Americans: Invest in USA

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Walter Fauntroy, a Washington, D.C. congressman, told an audience of about a hundred last Tuesday that America needs to reinvest in the young or their only hope for employment will be in South Africa.

In a speech titled, "The Black Experience in America and South Africa," Fauntroy said, "The basic problem confronting America is the flight of American capital to American markets abroad, taking millions of jobs."

In addition, high income earners use their tax relief to invest in

foreign countries, increasing the amount of capital that is going into those countries, Fauntroy said. He added, "Our economy is based on relationships in regard to profits and not national values."

He noted that in the past 10 years, there has been a 50 percent decrease in the production of American steel and 700,000 jobs lost in the American steel industry. During the same time, there has been a 500 percent increase in the importation of steel from South Africa.

Blacks working in South African mines are paid \$175 a month, Fauntroy said. A mining company in

Arizona had to pay its workers \$1500 a month so it moved to South Africa, he said.

"Apartheid is, at heart, a labor control system that feeds on cheap labor and foreign investment," Fauntroy said.

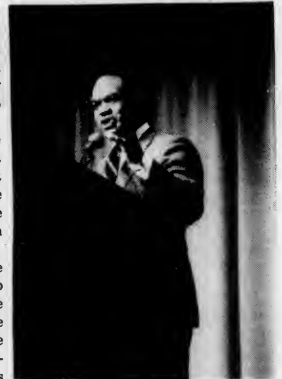
He said that the flight of American capital has put a "double whammy" on blacks in this country. Blacks are often the first to be fired when jobs are cut. Because of the flight of capital, many social programs are being cut, particularly those aiding blacks, he said.

He told the audience about a change he noted in George Wallace,

governor of Alabama. Wallace said that the cheap steel from South Africa forced the closing of steel mills in Birmingham and that steel mines around the state were being hurt by the importation of cheap steel.

Fauntroy said "Wallace said 'We may have come over on different ships, but we're in the same boat now and it's sinking.'" Wallace made Fauntroy lieutenant colonel of the Alabama National Guard and an honorary citizen of the state.

Fauntroy said he hoped his lecture caused members of the audience to think with some common sense about the problems he addressed. He suggested some remedies for the situation including ending apartheid, taxing overseas investments and increasing education and training of the American work force to make it more competitive.



Congressman Walter Fauntroy

Photo by Barry deNicola

SA Candidates Announced

by LAURA M. MASON

Five students are running for the office of 1986-87 Student Association President. John Agnew, Dean Altvater, Melanie Brown, Christine Connell and Phil Schmidt were nominated for the office of S.A. President during this past week's Senate meeting.

Other nominations for the S.A. executive cabinet positions included: Marla Miranda, Janet Pittman, Scott Renick and Susan Thomasson for Judicial Chairman; Don Appiarus and Kim Snyder for Lobby Chairman and Chris Marron is running unopposed for Academic Affairs Chairman.

Upcoming elections, in the final week of February, also include two other races. Tony Bausone, Matt Fogo, Amy Moorefield and Majorie Sanfilippo are vying for the position

of Honor Council President, and Laura Starbling will run uncontested for the office of ICA President.

Senate Notes

Preliminary elections will be held next Monday, Feb. 24, and final elections will be Wednesday, Feb. 26. Voting for residential students will take place in Seacobeck Dome Room.

There will be an open forum tomorrow, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. in Monroe 104. Candidates will be available during this forum for student questions and concerns. The candidates will also be visiting each dorm, between now and the preliminary elec-

tions to present campaign speeches.

Foremost among new business this past week was the Senate's approval of the proposed changes in the Judicial System. Senators showed strong support for the judicial proposal.

The Senate also approved the consideration of Russell Hall for 24 hour weekend visitation. Merle Ward, senator from Russell, asked for the Senate's support by presenting a petition from the residents of Russell Hall asking that Russell be added to the list of proposed housing changes which will be submitted to the Board of Visitors.

Eric VanGildor, chairman of the dining hall committee, announced that a poll on possible changes in ARA services is forthcoming. VanGildor also noted that, according to MWC's budget department, a food plan is not feasible.

Local Man Arrested on Campus for Trespassing

by SUSAN LOYD

*A Fredericksburg man was arrested and charged with trespassing on February 12 according to College Police. The man had previously been barred from campus and was not supposed to be on grounds.

*College Police report a Fredericksburg woman was assaulted on campus by a Dumfries man the weekend of February 8. The man, who was intoxicated, struck the woman in the ribs. She was not seriously injured.

*Due to icy road conditions, a MWC alumni lost control of her car behind

Bushnell Hall and slid into a parked vehicle. Both cars received minimal damage.

Police Beat

*College Police report the theft of a Kenya bag outside the Green Room in Seacobeck. The bag, which was straw with purple and green stripes, contained a notebook and mathematical analysis book, valued at \$62.

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Sullivan added, "Some symptoms are universal and some are unique, but all victims go through it."

MWC professor Carol Corcoran commented that there are possible "very long term effects" after a sexual assault has taken place. "A spouse or significant other may need counseling as well," she said. "A natural reaction may not be positive, but they've got to get over it and help the victim."

Gerry Downing, from the campus Counseling Center, explained that he does "follow-up advocacy counseling" in which he finds out what the victim's needs are and then finds services for them.

Downing added that if the assault is unreported, this respected and confidential.

Ruth Olson, executive trainer and manager of all support groups for Hotline, concluded the panel by giving advice to friends of a victim. "Sometimes friends get overprotective of a victim," she said. "Don't do that. Be there, be supportive, and most of all, let them know you will be there for them."

Fauntroy Warns Americans: Invest in USA

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Walter Fauntroy, a Washington, D.C. congressman, told an audience of about a hundred last Tuesday that America needs to reinvest in the young or their only hope for employment will be in South Africa.

In a speech titled, "The Black Experience in America and South Africa," Fauntroy said, "The basic problem confronting America is the flight of American capital to American markets abroad, taking millions of jobs."

In addition, high income earners use their tax relief to invest in

foreign countries, increasing the amount of capital that is going into those countries, Fauntroy said. He added, "Our economy is based on relationships in regard to profits and not national values."

He noted that in the past 10 years, there has been a 50 percent decrease in the production of American steel and 700,000 jobs lost in the American steel industry. During the same time, there has been a 500 percent increase in the importation of steel from South Africa.

Blacks working in South African mines are paid \$175 a month, Fauntroy said. A mining company in

Arizona had to pay its workers \$1500 a month so it moved to South Africa, he said.

"Apartheid is, at heart, a labor control system that feeds on cheap labor and foreign investment," Fauntroy said.

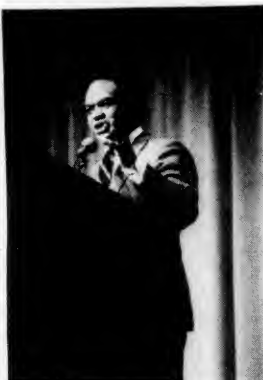
He said that the flight of American capital has put a "double whammy" on blacks in this country. Blacks are often the first to be fired when jobs are cut. Because of the flight of capital, many social programs are being cut, particularly those aiding blacks, he said.

He told the audience about a change he noted in George Wallace,

governor of Alabama. Wallace said that the cheap steel from South Africa forced the closing of steel mills in Birmingham and that steel mines around the state were being hurt by the importation of cheap steel.

Fauntroy said "Wallace said 'We may have come over on different ships, but we're in the same boat now and it's sinking.'" Wallace made Fauntroy lieutenant colonel of the Alabama National Guard and an honorary citizen of the state.

Fauntroy said he hoped his lecture caused members of the audience to think with some common sense about the problems he addressed. He suggested some remedies for the situation including ending apartheid, taxing overseas investments and increasing education and training of the American work force to make it more competitive.



Congressman Walter Fauntroy

Photo by Barry deNicola

SA Candidates Announced

by LAURA M. MASON

Five students are running for the office of 1986-87 Student Association President. John Agnew, Dean Altwater, Melanie Brown, Christine Connell and Phil Schmidt were nominated for the office of S.A. President during this past week's Senate meeting.

Other nominations for the S.A. executive cabinet positions included: Marla Miranda, Janet Pittman, Scott Renick and Susan Thomasson for Judicial Chairman; Don Appiaris and Kim Snyder for Lobby Chairman and Chris Marron is running unopposed for Academic Affairs Chairman.

Upcoming elections, in the final week of February, also include two other races. Tony Bausone, Matt Fogo, Amy Moorefield and Majorie Sanfilippo are vying for the position

of Honor Council President, and Laura Starbling will run uncontested for the office of ICA President.

Senate Notes

Preliminary elections will be held next Monday, Feb. 24, and final elections will be Wednesday, Feb. 26. Voting for residential students will take place in Seacobeck Dome Room.

There will be an open forum tomorrow, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. in Monroe 104. Candidates will be available during this forum for student questions and concerns. The candidates will also be visiting each dorm, between now and the preliminary elec-

tions to present campaign speeches.

Foremost among new business this past week was the Senate's approval of the proposed changes in the Judicial System. Senators showed strong support for the judicial proposal.

The Senate also approved the consideration of Russell Hall for 24 hour weekend visitation. Merle Ward, senator from Russell, asked for the Senate's support by presenting a petition from the residents of Russell Hall asking that Russell be added to the list of proposed housing changes which will be submitted to the Board of Visitors.

Eric VanGilder, chairman of the dining hall committee, announced that a poll on possible changes in ARA services is forthcoming. VanGilder also noted that, according to MWC's budget department, a food plan is not feasible.

Local Man Arrested on Campus for Trespassing

by SUSAN LOYD

*A Fredericksburg man was arrested and charged with trespassing on February 12 according to College Police. The man had previously been barred from campus and was not supposed to be on grounds.

*College Police report a Fredericksburg woman was assaulted on campus by a Dumfries man the weekend of February 8. The man, who was intoxicated, struck the woman in the ribs. She was not seriously injured.

*Due to icy road conditions, a MWC alumni lost control of her car behind

Bushnell Hall and slid into a parked vehicle. Both cars received minimal damage.

Police Beat

*College Police report the theft of a Kenya bag outside the Green Room in Seacobeck. The bag, which was straw with purple and green stripes, contained a notebook and mathematical analysis book, valued at \$62.

Variety is the Spice of Critzer's Life

by KATHY MCDONALD

Ask Amy Critzer if she's a leader and she says, "Who, me?" Although Critzer is hesitant to identify herself as a student leader, she has organized and been actively involved in numerous social and academic programs at MWC.

As a senior, Critzer is president of Framar, Vice Chairman of the College Program Board and an Education Department representative.

"People have pushed me to take on these positions," she said. "It's hard for me to think of myself as a leader, but when someone suggests that I'd be good at a job I get a little more confident and I think, 'Maybe I could do that,'" she said.

Critzer was attracted to Framar after living three years in residence halls. "Dorm life is a nice experience," she said, "but Framar offered an opportunity I'd never have again."

According to Critzer, last year was the first time that selection to Framar was based on scholarship, leadership and service. "Framar is in a transition period. It's sort of a trial and error process for the college in terms of its definition of small houses. So it seems like we're either setting precedents or breaking rules," she said.

As president of Framar, Critzer

and the other residents have tried to turn around the house's image. "The stigma of 'Framar Bitches' may always be there," she said, "but we walked in on the label. Part of the reason the house has its reputation is, says Critzer, "that traditionally the residents have leadership positions, some of which are controversial. And we're all concentrated in the same place," she said.

"We've tried to show that we have several roles, leading and following," said Critzer. "We're students, we like to socialize and we have other commitments too. Sometimes the label 'Framar Bitch' gets in the way," she said.

In efforts to show that Framar represents well-roundedness, residents have planned activities for MWC and the community in three areas: scholarship, leadership and service. "We've had happy hours and parties," said Critzer, "but we've also sponsored lecturers like Matlapula Chabaku, worked with Lip-Sync, made Valentines for an old folks home and had a bicycle safety workshop at elementary schools," she added.

"The best thing about Framar is that we were a bunch of people who didn't know each other, thrown into the same house and we've made it work," said Critzer. "Sure, we have differences and we disagree. But we

all have similar goals for the house and the college, just different ways of achieving them," she said.

When Critzer is not organizing activities for Framar, her position as vice-chairman of the College Program Board keeps her busy. "The CPB meets and tries to organize a variety of activities for the campus. We also try to make the activities available to the most people by minimizing conflicts between each event," she said.

Critzer's main responsibility in CPB is directing the Reach program, a big brother, big sister program, to pair up incoming freshmen with upperclassmen. "Reach's main function occurs in the fall," said Critzer. "We get the partners together, help get the communication going and then let the partners take over for themselves. Reach is there to make the initial contact," she explained.

"My strategy for Reach program was not to plan a lot of additional activities, but to encourage partners to attend the activities already planned. There are mixers, movies and other activities and I felt it important that Reach not conflict with other organizations," said Critzer.

"Our next event is a softball game after spring break. We're hoping to tie it in somehow with Muscular Dystrophy week, but we're still planning. It's usually a lot of fun," she



Senior Amy Critzer

Photo by Barry deNicola

said.

In addition to her involvement in social aspects of MWC life, Critzer is also active in academic affairs as an education department representative. "Basically, we act as a voice for student opinions," said Critzer. "We get feedback from the students and take it to the department," she said. However, Critzer notes that sometimes education students don't know who their reps are and thus feedback is limited. "We try to encourage more feedback by working with the Student Education Associa-

tion and Kappa Delta Pi, too," she said.

In looking back on her three and a half years at MWC, Critzer says "I'm glad, actually, I'm ecstatic, that I didn't limit myself. As a sophomore and junior I was involved with Terrapins, Senate and was President of Willard, but then I looked out and saw cheerleading, working at the Pub, Reach and Framar and wanted to get involved in those activities, too," she said.

See CRITZER, page 5.



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by PETER POCKRISS

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Fielding Lewis was a prominent member of the Fredericksburg community and as a widower, married Betty, the 17-year-old sister of George Washington. During the Revolution, Lewis was commissioned to form the Fredericksburg Gun-ny, a manufactory of small arms

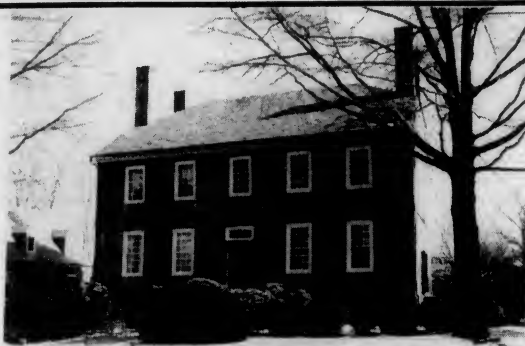
for the continental army. He would later sacrifice his wealth to keep the factory running during the war, but would not live to see its outcome.

Kenmore houses an impressive collection of eighteenth century furnishings characteristic of Virginia's landed class. Its outstanding decorative plaster ceilings highlight many of the rooms, two of which have been listed among the one hundred most beautiful rooms in America. Guides lead you through the house, relating what life was like when the Lewises lived there.

The grounds are magnificently landscaped and include a series of boxwood gardens which are open to

the public. Tea and gingerbread is served to visitors in the reconstructed out-kitchen. Adjacent is the Crowninshield Museum which has a collection of American and European decorative arts of the period and a diorama of eighteenth century Fredericksburg.

One should plan to spend about an hour and a half at Kenmore. There is a lot to see and absorb. It is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., March through November and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the winter. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children and \$1.00 for MWC students presenting an ID. Children under six are admitted free.



Historic Kenmore

Photo by Barry deNicola

RITZER, from page 4.

"I'm glad I ventured out. I didn't know. Well, I did this last year so I guess I'll do it again," and in that respect I didn't hinder myself. I know you've got to get involved in order to find out what's going on. The flyers at Seacobeck won't cut it. She laughed, "you've got to be there."

Critzer will be graduating with a psychology degree in May. She plans to return to Fredericksburg for a semester to student teach, combining her kindergarden through

fourth grade certification.

"Next fall I plan to really concentrate on my teaching. I want to implement innovative programs to get kids motivated in their own educations," she said. "I don't want to leave here but it will be time to move on. I guess I've had my share of MWC parties," she said.

Critzer's plans for the future are fairly definite. "The principal at the elementary school I attended [in Crimora, Va.] has encouraged me not only in teaching, but in Education Administration. I hope to eventually

be principal in that school system," she said. "I really want to teach," Critzer added, "and go to UVA at night to get a Masters in Education Administration."

In the meantime, Critzer will continue working with the CPB, the education department and attending the Spa in Fredericksburg where she enjoys meeting community people. And, she says, "Come on down to Framar. We love visitors, but with the new key system we just can't unlock the door, so you'll have to knock!"

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Rose & Teddy

Do We Really Need a Graduation Speaker?

As a nostalgic senior looking back on four fine years at Mary Washington College, I would like to pay tribute to the positive advances I've seen instituted during my stay.

Freshmen now arrive four days early in order to increase their survival rate. When I came here (on the Saturday before classes) I could barely find my way to Seacobeck and back to my room before the rest of the student body swarmed in.

Itza Pizza has revitalized the pizza and beer tradition by once again making pizza affordable.

The wide screen television in the C-Shop gives you the opportunity to watch your favorite shows—and watch is all you'll do. Dialogue is usually lost to the blare of the jukebox.

And now in support of the frequently ragged upon Seacobeck:

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The charming addition of carnations to Seacobeck tables provides an exciting challenge for the college student. How do you address the person directly behind the carnation? Do you move the carnation, or use the bob-and-wave method? And where do they get purple carnations?

Probably the tastiest improvement to Seacobeck has been the addition of hard ice cream. But, how do you get it out of the bottom of the container without wearing it all the way up to your elbow? And who is the uncoordinated person putting the chocolate in the orange sherbet?

I would also like to thank the administration for instituting the new key-in policy. Being able to let yourself in the dorm is certainly an improvement—that is, if you can actually let yourself in. Have you ever tried to use one of those new keys—especially at 3:30 in the morning when alcohol has impaired your motor skills more than just a little bit?

One last advancement that really can't be attributed to MWC is the introduction of Milwaukee's Best beer to college life. When I got here, the only cheap beers to choose from were Schmidt's, Red-White-and-Blue and Old Milwaukee, none of which are nearly as palatable as this new taste sensation. Here's to Milwaukee's

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And now I would like to offer a few suggestions for future im-

Jane McDonald

The MWC Dating Game

Chalk it up to Marshall to provide such a service. Just think, a mere ten minutes of your time—and a \$1.50—and you'll get a list of ten compatible mates. Sounds great, I thought.

But then my cynicism reared its ugly head (one cannot be an international affairs or political science major and not be a cynic). What if only a handful of guys fill out the questionnaire and their names appear on everybody's list (after all, what is the ratio on this campus)?

Who exactly would see my answers, and could I be held liable for them when I am working in a high government job? Nonetheless, I eagerly answered the questions in anticipation of meeting my Prince Charles.

I understood the first six questions; all of them seemed to somehow be a reflection of your personality, but number seven threw me. What

improvements:

The library is currently trapped between the Dewey Decimal and Congressional systems of organiza-

tion. As a freshman I could find a book on any topic at any time. No books have been relocated to room

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room do I prefer to eat in? Was this a trick question? Does anyone prefer to eat on campus, not to mention a particular room in Seacobeck? Nonetheless, I answered the question. As a member of the Dinner Club, we do not eat in the same room every night—I wonder what that says about my psyche.

O.K.—the next few questions were pretty straight forward. Then came, "the most embarrassing thing to happen to me at MWC is..." Well, I'll tell you, that was a tough one—I've never done an embarrassing thing in my life—but I conceded that falling at the Pub would probably be embarrassing.

So I continued...favorite movie?—and they didn't include *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*? Favorite type of music...pop, rock, country, or funk...and what about classical, oldies, jazz, rhythm and blues? That question should have in-

cluded a "none-of-the-above." Anyway, I continued diligently answer the questions.

"The thing I would change most about this school is: 'Don't change the name' I was about to scream enthusiastically! But then I realized that was last semester's problem. I frantically looked for 'an elimination of roaches in Virginia Hall'; but that wasn't a choice, so I ended up with the somewhat obvious answer of changing Seacobeck.

"My ideal date"...aw, do I have to choose one? Intelligent, athletic, popular, fun-loving...my ideal date would be all of them!

Well, as I finished the questionnaire and handed it to Joe Mancuso (I swear, there were dollar signs in his eyes as hoards of freshmen surrounded him), I dreamed of the men that would be on the list. Imagine—meeting your Prince on the campus of MWC—it almost sounded too good to be true.

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Sports

Criner Advances to Nationals

by BECKY SCHIEK

Marty Criner's rugby talent advanced him to national competition in Orlando, Florida this past weekend. Starting on the Eastern Union Rugby All-Star Team, Criner is presently ranked number one player on the East Coast.

Florida's national rugby tournament divides play into four regions: Middle West, West, West Coast and East. From these games, top players are selected for a national team, the Junior Eagles, which

represents the United States in international competition. National coaches of the Junior Eagles (rugby's 23 and under age group) select the best players.

"Marty has a good opportunity here to really perform," said MWC rugby advisor Richard Warner. "Since he's ranked number one winger, he'll get plenty of playing time. He has a good chance at the national bid."

"The coach down there is very high on him," noted Warner. "Marty

is young and could offer the Junior Eagles several years of play."

Earlier this year, Criner was named to the Virginia Rugby Union All-Star Team. From this honor, Criner went on to play on the Eastern Union's north side; after top performances here, he was chosen to represent the entire Eastern Union.

"It's a big honor for our team. Marty is an excellent player," Warner concluded. Criner is the only Virginia player who has made it this far and has chances to go further.



East Coast All-Star player, Marty Criner. Photo by Barry deNicola

Women's Softball Club Organizes

by KIM LANCASTER

The MWC Women's Softball Club is beginning to prepare for its upcoming season. Currently the team is without a coach, but club organizer Melanie Ricketts is in the process of selecting one for the team. She has three prospective coaches in mind, though she is close to a decision. Ricketts said the candidates are enthusiastic and have good skills, "which should really help us." Interest in the club has been growing.

Presently it has 25 to 30 members, but Ricketts is sure that the number will drop once practice begins. "We usually don't have cuts...Most people who play have played softball before," explained Ricketts. "It's a good start...We have five or six girls who say that they can pitch."

The Softball Club is expected to become a varsity sport next year which should help draw better players to MWC, according to Ricketts. The team will also be able to compete against a larger number

of schools. Presently it will play Ferrum, JMU, VCU, Radford and the University of Maryland.

"I'm hoping that we do a lot better this year than we did last year. We had a lot of tough breaks and we just couldn't get it together," said Ricketts. "We have the talent this year. I have high expectations. I think that we'll do a good job."

Anyone interested in joining the Softball Club should contact Melanie Ricketts at x4723. The team began practice at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 in Goolrick Gym.

EDDY and ROSE, from page 6.

at don't exist. And those marvelous computer terminals with only partial listings add to the mystery. For the sake of future classes, I hope the library will "find itself" the students can find the books.

And why does graduation have to have a speaker? Why must we be forced to sit in Ball Circle wearing three layers of synthetic clothing (with a hat to match), any longer than is absolutely necessary? Let's try graduation with no speakers, then we could retain some body fluids.

What about the college police? I say let's give them a little sack time. Let's try a new policy concerning ticket writing. No tickets will be issued between the hours of 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. I really feel for those dedicated men and women who are out in the sleet and rain at 4:30 a.m. just to remind us that we don't hang in staff parking. You never know when some early morning emergency will arise and the whole of MWC's staff will rush campus and need those parking spaces. I say, let's risk it. Let the college police rest (I can sleep) in peace.

After four years at Mary Washington College, I've learned that this school is truly a traditional school in transition. Let's hope the transitions, as well as the traditions, will continue.

CHALLENGE, from page 2.

Karen Anderson, Kristine Andolino, Beth Belden, Alison Boyd, Lori Brubaker, Margaret Davison, Sheryl DeVaun, Melissa Haines, Anne Huber, Jennifer Kirby, Troy Knighton, Mary Loose, Bruce Loving, Brenie Matute, Kim Mears, Donna Metzger, Kristin Pedisich, Kathy Powers, Sara Powers, Robin Smyers, Channing Williams. Join them in their efforts to make MWC an even greater place to be.

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